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a reflection of your good taste

Westminster Mall, Providence Rhode Island 02903 Tel. (401) 421-8400

July 31, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Since our telephone conversation this morning, I talked to a dealer by the name of Richard Balbaton who specializes in paper money. He believes he can get his hands on some of these Rhode Island obsolete notes of the 18th Century and have them Xeroxed and send them along directly to you.

These things are quite scarse. However, I'll keep trying and if I have any luck, I will have the Xeroxes forwarded to you.

The Xeroxes of our index cards of obsolete notes, as well as an inventory of our Colonial material will be sent to you within the next couple of weeks.

Very sincerely,

Tracy G. Thurber
Treasurer

TGT:ga

P.S. John Ferrari (?) of Stowe, Conn. has some pieces of that state which he will Xerox and either mail them to you or bring them to the ANA Convention

LIST OF COLONIAL MONEY AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Emission of July 5, 1715 re-dated 1731	2s6d
Emission of July 5, 1715 re-dated 1737	all four pieces unsigned
Emission of August 22, 1738	all six items unsigned as well as an unsigned, uncut sheet
Emission of December 2, 1740	impressions of the back engraving only for 6d, 18d, 1s, 2s6d
Emission of March 18, 1750	£ 4 unsigned with a blank reverse
Emission of 1777 with written dates	we have one for £ 5.0. 5 1/2
Emission of May 22, 1777	1/9th of a dollar 1/4th of a doller
Emission of July 2, 1780	the set is complete as well as having an uncut, signed sheet
Emission of 1786	we have the complete thing

Bank of Bristol, Bristol

Wismer #	$
25	1
26	2
27	3
28	5
29	10
30	20
31	30
32	50

Bristol Union Bank, Bristol

Wismer #	$
33	5

Coventry Bank, Anthony Village

Wismer #	$	Wismer #	$
11	1	15	10
12	2	16	20
13	5	17	50
14	5	18	100

Obsolete R. I. Bank Notes - locations other than RIHS

(1a) Industrial Trust, Cashier Dept.

Richmond Bank, Alton

Wismer #	$
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	3
6	5
7	5
8	5
9	10
10	10

Ashaway Bank, Ashaway

Wismer #	$
19	1
20	2
21	3
22	5
23	10
24	50

Freemans Bank, Bristol

Wismer #	$
53	1
54	1
55	1
56	2
57	3
58	3
59	5
60	5
61	10
62	10
63	20
64	50
65	100

Eagle Bank, Bristol

Wismer #	$
47	1
48	2
49	5
50	10
51	50
52	100

Commercial Bank, Bristol
Not in Wismer

5 C ships in circle, five in orn l & r; R Washinton, 5 above; L train, 5 above and below; red overprint five

Commercial Bank, Bristol

Wismer #	$
34	1
35	2
36	2
37	2
38	3
39	3
40	5
41	5
42	10
43	10
44	20
45	50
46	100

Mount Hope Bank, Bristol
Not in Wismer

2. C. factory by water flanked by orn. ovals, two in left one, 2 over two in right, rosette below; R vert, orn. design/Rhode Island; L vert. orn.design/2

1: similar to above but: C. Indian in canoe/ small temple on hill in background

1. similar to above but: C. bottom small profile of woman; L & R vertical areas straight rather than bulbous; R, vert. 1 Rhode Island 1

Mount Hope Bank, Bristol

Wismer #	$
66	1
67	3
68	5
69	10
70	100

Washington County Bank, Carolina Mills

Wismer #	$	
75	1	o
76	1	
77	1	
78	2	o
79	2	o
80	2	
81	2	o
82	3	o

Wismer #	$	
83	5	o
84	5	o
85	5	o
86	10	o
87	50	o

Burrillville Bank, Burrillville
Not in Wismer

$ 5 perhaps Perkins Patent Stereotype Steel Plate
10 ditto

Burrillville Bank, Burriville

Wismer #	$	
71	1	
72	1	o
73	2	
74	5	o

Mount Hope Bank, Bristol
Un-cut sheet of four
2 each $ 1 & 2, first two non-Wismer items

Franklin Bank, Chepachet

Wismer #	$	
88	1	o
89	1	"
90	1	"
91	2	"
92	2	o
93	2	"
94	3	"
95	5	"
96	5	"
97	5	"

Wismer #	$	
98	5	
99	10	
100	10	"
101	10	"
102	20	o
103	20	"
104	50	"
105	50	"
106	100	"
107	100	"

Washington County Bank, Carolina Mills
Special cancelation
$ 1, W 77; red or brown stamp over portrait reads: "Broken Bank Su???? Bank"

Cranston Bank, Cranston

Wismer #	$
122	1
123	1
124	1
125	2
126	3
127	3
128	5

Wismer #	$
129	5
130	10
131	10
132	20
133	20
134	50
135	100

Bank of Kent, Coventry
Not in Wismer
$ 5: C. factory/ornamental 5/five dollars; R. Washington, five above and below; L. 5 at bottom; C, bottom, shield

Bank of Kent, Coventry

Wismer #	$
108	1
109	1
110	1.50
111	2
112	2
113	2
114	3
115	5

Wismer #	$
116	5
117	5
118	10
119	20
120	50
121	100 PHOTO

Franklin Bank, Chepachet
Not in Wismer
$ 5, C relining woman, l. 5 in orn; R Franklin, five in orn above; L standing liberty

Elmwood Bank, Cranston

Wismer #	$
136	1
137	2
138	5
139	10
140	50
141	100

Citizens Bank, Cumberland

Wismer #	$
142	1
143	2
144	2
145	3
146	5
147	5

R. I. Central Bank, East Greenwich

Wismer #		Wismer #	
163	$ 1	170	$ 5
164	1	171	5
165	2	172	10
166	2	173	10
167	3	174	20
168	3	175	50
169	5	176	100

Greenwich Bank, East Greenwich

Wismer #	
156	$ 1
157	2
158	5
159	5
160	10
161	20
162	50

Cumberland Bank, Cumberland
Not in Wismer
$ 1 C. Female & tree, 1 over one l&r; R. vert 1 ? 1; L. vert, 1 over one, Rhode Island, 1 over one

Cumberland Bank, Cumberland

Wismer #	
148	$ 1
149	2
150	2
151	3
152	5
153	10
154	20
155	50

R. I. Exchange Bank, East Greenwich

Wismer #		Wismer #	
177	$ 1	183	$ 3
178	1	184	5
179	1	185	10
180	2	186	20
181	2	187	50
182	2		

R. I. Central Bank, E. Greenwich
Not in Wismer
$ 2 C. shield; R & L, 2 above and below

Farmers Exchange Bank, Gloucester
Not in Wismer
$ 3 perhaps Perkins Patent Stereotype Steel Plate
" 1 similar to above

Farmers Exchange Bank, Gloucester

Wismer #		Wismer #	
193	$ 1	197	$ 3
194	1 "	198	5
195	1 "	199	5
196	2 "	200	10

Exeter Bank, Exeter
Copper Plate, sheet of 4: 2 - $ 1, Wismer # 188; 1 - $ 2, # 189; & 1 - $ 3, # 190
Copper Plate, sheet of 2: 1 - $ 5, #191 (maybe) & 1 - $ 10, # 192 (maybe)

Exeter Bank, Exeter

Wismer #		
188	$ 1	"
189	2	"
190	3	"
191	5	"
192	10	"

Smithfield Exchange Bank, Greenville

Wismer #		Wismer #	
201	$ 1	204	$ 5 "
202	1.25 "	205	10 "
203	2 "	206	20 "
203½	2 "	207	50 "
		208	100 "

Farmers Exchange Bank, Gloucester
Copper plate: $ 5 non-Wismer: top, 5 oxer, five, farmer hoeing, 5; & five across

CARD #4

Bank of R.I., Npt.
Non-Wismer
$ 2 R, 2 in oval above, 2 vert; L anchor in oval with swag, two below; L vert in fancy script, TWO D.

Bank of Rhode Island, Newport

Wismer #			Wismer #		
223	$ 1		231	$ 10	
224	1		232	20	
225	2		233	30	
226	2		234	50	
227	3		235	50	
228	5		236	50	
229	5		237	100	
230	10		238	100	

Aquidneck Bank, Newport

Wismer #			Wismer #		
216	$ 1		220	$ 20	
217	2		221	50	
218	5		222	100	
219	10				

R. I. Agricultural Bank, Johnston

Wismer #			Wismer #		
209	$ 1		213	$ 5	
210	1		214	10	
211	2		215	20	
212	3				

N. E. Commercial Bank, Newport

Wismer #		
256	$ 1	
257	2	
258	2	
259	3	
260	$ 5	
261	10	
262	50	
263	100	

Merchants Bank, Newport

Wismer #		
239	$ 1	
240	1	
241	1	
242	2	
243	2	
244	2	
245	3	
246	3	
247	5	
248	$ 5	
249	5	
250	10	
251	10	
252	20	
253	50	
254	50	
255	100	

CARD #5

N. E. Commercial Bank, Npt.
Not in Wismer

$ 100 C allegorical figure pouring out water, ship, produce, 100 r & l; R vert One Hundred; L portrait of Washington, C above and below

$ 2 same as 1st item on Card # 2 except that Rhode Island is at top and denomination as at bottom

CARD #4

N. E. Commercial Bank, Npt.
Not in Wismer

$ 50 C Liberty, Justice and 3rd female seated, shield, eagle ship, 50 l; R seated smith, trai factory, fifty over 50 above; L produce, 50 below, fifty above

$ 50 C 50 r; R vert fifty; L standing female, produce, steamboat, 50 above and below

$ 100 C eagle & produce, 100 r; R decolte girl with grain and sickle, 100 above and below; L fishermen at shore, C above, 100 below

CARD #3

N. E. Commercial Bank, Npt.
Not in Wismer

$ 2 C female holding sickle with produce, ships, wagons, factories and on and on, two on l; R girls portrait, 2 above, two below; L standing figure, 2 above, two below

$ 5 similar C Mercury and on and on, V to r.; girl r, smithil

$ 10 similar C Merc. etc., again but canal barge r; ships r and farmer sowing l

CARD #2

N. E. Commercial Bank., Npt.
Not in Wismer

$ 1 C top two allegorical cherubs with produce; eagles top r &l; R. portrait; L. portrait of Washington

$ 1 C top reclining female produce and ships, orn l r & l; R farm tools, l above & below; L produce & ship, l above & below

$ 2 similar but recling figure leaning on disc with 2; R & L horseman

$ 3 similar but reclining figure with 3 in wreath; L & R cherub face

Newport Bank, Newport
Wismer # 264 $ 1 C
265 1 C
266 2
267 5
268 10
269 50
270 100

N. E. Commercial Bank, Npt.
Not in Wismer
$ 50 Perkins Patent Stereotype Plate "
100 " " "

R. I. Union Bank, Npt.
Not in Wismer

$ 1 as # 280 but red ONE
1 " " " green ONE
1 C.r., spread eagle, ship and factory beyond, one over l l. & r; L. two standing females with flag. Printed on back.
2 as 281 but red ONE
2 " " " green ONE
2 orn with 2 upper r. and l.; lower r, anchor against rock; lower l, seated female/bales, sextant, flowers & ships in background, etc
PRINTED ON BACK

R. I. Union Bank, Npt.
Not in Wismer

$ 5 as 283 but red ONE
5 " " " green ONE
5 C. steamboat "Newport" at sea/sailboats; R. woman's portrait below with 5 in orn above; L. standing woman below with 5 in orn above; C. bottom, small state shield; printed on back

R, I, Union Bank, Newport

Wismer #		Wismer #	
280	$ 1	286	$ 20
281	2	287	20
283	5	288	50
284	10	289	100
285	10		

Newport Exchange Bank, Newport

Wismer #		Wismer #	
271	$ 1	275	$ 10
272	2	276	10
273	3	277	20
274	5	278	50
		279	50

N. E. Commercial Bank., Npt.
Not in Wismer

$ 1 C top two allegorical cherubs with produce; eagles top r &l; R. portrait; L. portrait of Washington
$ 1 C top reclining female produce and ships, orn l r & l; R farm tools, 1 above & below; L produce & ship, 1 above & below
$ 2 similar but reclining figure leaning on disc with 2; R & L horseman
$ 3 similar but reclining figure with 3 in wreath; L & R cherub face

N. E. Commercial Bank, Npt.
Not in Wismer

$ 2 C female holding sickle with produce, ships, wagons, factories and on and on, two on l; R girls portrait, 2 above, two below; L standing figure, 2 above, two below
$ 5 similar C Mercury and on and on, V to r.;
10 similar C here. etc., again but canal barge r; ships r and farmer sowing l

Pawtuxet Bank, Pawtuxet
Wismer # 312 $ 1
313 1 °

Pawtuxet Bank, Pawtuxet
Copper plate, sheet of 4:
$ 1 Wismer # 312
2 non-Wismer, like 312 except seated justice, house in background
3 non-Wismer, like 312 except seated female figure pointing to ship & leaning on shield; house below
4 non-Wismer, like 312 but no figures at top center; L, seated female, PRODUCE, SHIP, HOUSE, PLOW, ETC.; R SEATED FEMALE LEANING ON ANCHOR, SHIP; ☒ TOP R&L, BOTTOM CENTER

Pascoag Bank, Pascoag
Not in Wismer
$ 3 C. seated female, cornucopia, plow, boats, fields, etc., 3 in circle r & l; R standing female, 3 bove and below; L eagle by sea, 3 above & below

Pawtuxet Bank, Pawtuxet
Copper plate, sheet of 4:
3 $ 1 Wismer # 312
1 5 like # 312 but no figure in center; L, seated female/building; R, female/cornucopia, ship; top r&l, 5; bottom center, V

Granite Bank, Pascoag

Wismer # 303	$ 1	°	Wismer # 308	$ 10	°
304	1	°	309	20	°
305	2	°	310	50	°
306	3	°	311	100	°
307	5	°			

Traders Bank, Newport

Wismer # 290	$ 1	°	Wismer # 297	$ 5	°
291	1	°	298	10	°
292	2	°	299	10	°
293	2	°	300	20	°
294	3	°	301	50	°
295	3	°	302	100	°
296	5	°			

Arcade Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$
342	1
343	2
344	3
345	5
346	10
347	20
348	50
349	100
350	500
351	1000

American Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$
323	1
324	1
325	2
326	2
327	3
328	3
329	5
330	5
331	5
332	5
333	5
334	10
335	10
336	20
337	20
338	50
339	100
340	500
341	1000

Portsmouth Bank, Portsmouth
Bank not mentioned in Wismer
Copper Plate: $ 3, no vignettes; 3 in triangle l & r; L, 3 across

Phenix Village Bank, Phenix

Wismer #	$
314	1
315	2
316	3
317	5
318	10
319	50
320	50
321	100
322	100

Atlas Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$
360	1
361	1
362	2
363	3
364	5
365	10
366	20
367	50
368	100

Atlantic Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$
352	1
353	1
354	2
355	2
356	5
357	10
358	50
359	100

Bank of North America, Prov.

Wismer #	$		Wismer #	$	
390	1		397	10	
391	1	"	398	10	"
392	2	"	399	50	"
393	2	"	400	100	"
394	3	"	401	500	"
395	5	rather	402	1000	"
396	5	"			

Bank of Commerce, Prov.

Wismer #	$		Wismer #	$	
379	1	"	385	10	"
380	2	"	386	50	"
381	3		387	100	"
382	3	"	388	500	"
383	5	"	389	1000	"
384	5	"			

Bank of America, Prov.
Uncut sheet of 4
3 $5 Wismer # 374
1 $10 non-Wismer; like # 375 but R 10, L same portrait as # 374

Bank of America, Prov.

Wismer #	$		Wismer #	$	
369	1		374	5	
370	2	"	375	10	"
371	3	"	376	20	"
372	5	"	377	50	"
373	5		378	100	"

Blackstone Canal Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$		Wismer #	$	
414	1	"	419	50	"
415	1	"	420	100	"
416	2	"	421	500	"
417	5	"	422	1000	"
418	10	"			

Bank of the Republic, Prov.

Wismer #	$		Wismer #	$	
403	1	"	409	5	
404	1		410	10	
405	2		411	20	
406	2	"	412	50	"
407	3		413	100	"
408	5	"			

Commercial Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$	Wismer #	$
449	1	457	10
450	1	458	10
451	2	459	10
452	2	460	20
453	2	461	20
454	3	462	50
455	5	463	100
456	5	464	500

City Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$	Card #2 Wismer #	$
439	10	444	100
440	10	445	500
441	50	446	500
442	50	447	1000
443	100	448	1000

City Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$	Card #1 Wismer #	$
429	1	434	2
430	1	435	3
431	1.75	436	5
432	2	437	5
433	2	438	5

Butchers' and Drovers' Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$
423	1
424	2
425	5
426	10
427	50
428	100

Continental Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$	Wismer #	$
465	1	470	10
466	2	471	20
467	3	472	50
468	5	473	100
469	10	474	500

Commercial Bank, Prov.
Not in Wismer
$ 1 C horses & sheep; R pensive sailor. 1 in orn above; L seated male figure, one in orn above; red ONE

Grocers and Producers Bank, Prov.

Wismer	520	$ 1
	521	2
	522	5
	523	10
	524	50
	525	100
	526	500

Globe Bank, Prov.

Wismer	504	$ 1
	505	2
	506	3
	507	5
	508	5
	509	5
	510	10
	511	10
Wismer	512	$ 10
	513	50
	514	50
	515	100
	516	100
	517	100
	518	500
	519	1000

Exchange Bank, Prov.

Wismer	489	$ 1
	490	1
	491	1
	492	2
	493	2
	494	2
	495	2
	496	3
Wismer	497	$ 5
	498	5
	499	10
	500	50
	501	100
	502	500
	503	1000

Eagle Bank, Prov.

Wismer	475	$ 1
	476	1
	477	2
	478	2
	479	3
	480	3
	481	5
Wismer	482	$ 5
	483	5
	484	10
	485	10
	486	20
	487	50
	488	100

High Street Bank, Prov.

Wismer	527	$ 1
	528	1
	529	1
	530	2
	531	2
	532	2
	533	3
	534	3
	535	5
	536	5
Wismer	537	$ 5
	538	10
	539	10
	540	20
	541	20
	542	20
	543	50
	544	50
	545	100
	546	100

Jackson Bank, Prov.

Wismer	547	$ 1
	548	2
	549	5
	550	10
	551	100

Marine Bank, Prov.

Wismer	586	$ 1
	587	2
	588	3
	589	5
	590	10
	591	50
	592	100

Manufacturers Bank, Prov.

Wismer	570	$ 1	Wismer	578	$ 5
	571	1		579	10
	572	1		580	10
	573	2		581	20
	574	2		582	50
	575	3		583	100
	576	3		584	500
	577	5		585	1000

Lime Rock Bank, Prov.

Wismer	562	$ 1	Wismer	566	$ 10
	563	2		567	20
	564	3		568	50
	565	5		569	100

Liberty Bank, Prov.

Wismer	552	$ 1	Wismer	557	$ 2
	553	1		558	5
	554	1		559	10
	555	2		560	50
	556	2		561	100

Mechanics and Manufacturers Bank, Prov.

Wismer	610	$ 1	Wismer	619	$ 10
	611	1		620	20
	612	1.75		621	20
	613	2		622	50
	614	2		623	50
	615	3		624	100
	616	5		625	100
	617	5		626	500
	618	10		627	1000

Mechanics Bank, Prov.

Wismer	593	$ 1	Wismer	601	$ 5
	594	1		602	5
	595	1		603	5
	596	1		604	10
	597	2		605	20
	598	2		606	50
	599	2		607	100
	600	3		608	500
				609	1000

Mount Vernon Bank, Prov.

Wismer	$	Wismer	$
658	1	664	5
659	1	665	10
660	2	666	10
661	2	667	20
662	3	668	50
663	5	669	100

Merchants Bank, Prov.
Non-Wismer
$ 10 C Neptune in sea chariot, ship, female on shore; 10 l and X r; R vert X Rhode Island X; L vert Ten

Merchants Bank, Prov.

Wismer	$	Wismer	$
637	1	648	3
638	1	649	5
639	1	650	5
640	1	651	10
641	1	652	10
642	1.25	653	500
643	2	654	100
644	2	655	500
645	2	656	1000
646	2	657	Post Note
647	3		

Mercantile Bank, Prov.

Wismer	$	Wismer	$
628	1	633	20
629	2	634	50
630	3	635	100
631	5	636	500
632	10		

National Bank, Prov.

Wismer	$	Card #
685	3	2
686	5	
687	5	
688	5	
689	5	
690	10	
691	10	
692	10	

Wismer	$	Card #
693	50	2
694	50	
695	100	
696	100	
697	500	
698	1000	

National Bank, Prov.

Wismer #	$	Card #
670	1	1
671	1	
672	1	
673	1	
674	1	
675	1	
676	1	
677	2	

Wismer #	$	Card #
678	2	1
679	2	
680	2	
681	2	
682	2	
683	3	
684	3	

Pawtuxet Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
732	$ 1	737	$ 10
733	2	738	20
734	3	739	50
735	5	740	100
736	10	741	100

North Providence Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
723	$ 1	728	$ 50
724	2	729	100
725	5	730	500
726	10	731	1000
727	20		

Northern Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
711	$ 1	717	$ 10
712	1	718	10
713	2	719	50
714	3	720	100
715	5	721	500
716	5	722	1000

New England Pacific Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
699	$ 1	705	$ 20
700	2	706	50
701	3	707	50
702	5	708	100
703	10	709	100
704	20	710	500

Peoples Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
742	$ 1	748	$ 20
743	2	749	50
744	2	750	100
745	5	751	500
746	5	752	1000
747	10		

Pawtuxet Bank, Prov.
Steel plate, $ 1, Wismer # 732
" " 5 " 735
" " 2 " 733

Prov. Nat. Bank, Prov.
See Prov. Bank
$ 5 National Bank Note, type 1, Fr. # 1800-1

Providence Bank, Prov.
Not in Wismer
$ 5 two pieces about the same, one being green and the other, light red: C schooner race, l & r above 5 in elaborate circle of overlapping circles; these two pieces may be paste-ups

Providence Bank, Prov.

Wismer			Wismer		
763	$ 1		773	$ 10	
764	1		774	10	
765	1		775	20	
766	2		776	20	
767	2		777	25	
768	3		778	50	
769	3		779	100	
770	5		780	500	
771	5		781	1000	
772	10				

Phenix Bank, Prov.

Wismer			Wismer		
753	$ 1		758	$ 10	
754	2		759	20	
755	3		760	50	
756	5		761	100	
757	5		762	500	

Slater Bank, Prov.

Wismer		
798	$ 1	
799	2	
800	3	
801	10	

Wismer		
802	$ 50	
803	100	
804	500	

Roger Williams Bank, Prov.

Wismer		
782	$ 1	
783	1	
784	1	
785	1	
786	2	
787	2	
788	3	
789	5	

Wismer		
790	$ 5	
791	10	
792	10	
793	20	
794	50	
795	100	
796	500	
797	1000	

Traders Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
826	$ 1	833	$ 3
827	1	834	5
828	1.25	835	5
829	2	836	10
830	2	837	20
831	2	838	50
832	3	839	100

State Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
814	$ 1	820	$ 10
815	1	821	20
816	2	822	50
817	3	823	100
818	5	824	500
819	10	825	1000

Smithfield Lime Rock Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
805	$ 1	810	$ 10
806	2	811	20
807	3	812	50
808	5	813	100
809	5		

Slater Bank, No. Prov.

Not in Wismer

$ 1 as # 798, red one overprint (1a)
1 " " " background overprint (1a
1 " " green " " (1a
1 " " blue solid engraved overprint
2 like 799, red two overprint (2)
5 " 800, " five " (2a)
5 " " green background overprint (2)
10 as 801, green X bar of Pawt. Falls (2a

Westminster Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
852	$ 1	857	$ 20
853	2	858	50
854	5	859	100
855	5	860	500
856	10		

Union Bank, Prov.

Wismer		Wismer	
840	$ 1	846	$ 5
841	2	847	10
842	2	848	10
843	3	849	50
844	3	850	100
845	5	851	500

What Cheer Bank, Prov.

Wismer		
880	$	1
881		2
882		5
883		10
884		50
885		100

Weybosset Bank, Prov.
Not in Wismer
$ 5 C. Mercury/produce, factories, ships, etc. with V in circle r., Five Dollars over Five; R. country girl, 5 above, five below; L. smith, 5 above, five below

Weybosset Bank, Prov.

Wismer			Wismer		
861	$	1	870	$	5
862		1	871		5
863		1	872		5
864		1	873		10
865		2	874		10
866		2	875		10
867		2	876		50
868		2	877		100
869		5	878		100
			879		500

Westminster Bank, Prov.
Non-Wismer
$ 5 lower l half, train, 5 above and to r

State Bank, Prov.

Wismer		
814	$	1
815		1
816		2
817		3
818		5
819		10

Wismer		
820	$	10
821		20
822		50
823		100
824		500
825		1000

Hamilton Bank, Scituate

Wismer		
896	$	1
897		2
898		3
899		5
900		
901		
902		

Smithfield Lime Rock Bank, Smithfield

Wismer	915	$ 1
	916	1
	917	2
	918	2
	919	3
	920	3
	921	5
	922	5

Scituate Bank, Scituate
none listed in Wismer
$ 3

Citizens Union Bank, Scituate

Wismer	886	$ 1	Wismer	891	$ 5
	887	2		892	10
	888	2		893	20
	889	2		894	50
	890	3		895	100

Hamilton Bank, Scituate
Not in Wismer
$ 1. C. farmer/oxen in field, r 1 in orn; R. standing female in alcove; L. man's port, 1 in orn above; C bottom, eagle

Hamilton Bank, Scituate

Wismer	896	$ 1
	897	1
	898	2
	899	2
	900	3
	901	5
	902	5

Globe Bank, Smithfield

Wismer	903	$ 1	Wismer	908	$ 5
	904	2		909	10
	905	2		910	20
	906	3		911	50
	907	3		912	100

Landholders Bank, So. Kingston

Not in Wismer

RHODE

$ 5 C figure/5 on shield, 5 each side; R vert 5 P
Island 5 L vert V 5 V; five below

Landholders Bank, South Kingston

Wismer	942	$ 1	Wismer	949	$ 20
	943	2		950	20
	944	2		951	50
	945	3		952	50
	946	5		953	100
	947	5		954	100
	948	10			

Village Bank, Smithfield

Wismer	933	$ 1	Wismer	938	$ 10
	934	2		939	20
	935	2		940	50
	936	3		941	100
	937	5			

Smithfield Union Bank, Smithfield

Wismer	923	$ ½	Wismer	928	$ 5
	924	1		929	10
	925	2		930	20
	926	3		931	50
	927	5		932	100

Fall River Union Bank, Tiverton

Non Wismer

$ 1 C seated female with produce, ships, machinery, factories, shield, etc., one to W.R ship, 1 above, one below; 1 standing female, 1 above, one below

Fall River Union Bank, Tiverton

Wismer

955	$	1
956		2
957		3
958		5
959		10
960		20
961		50
962		100
963		500

Bank of South County, Wakefield

Wismer	989	$ 1	Wismer	996	$ 10
	990	1		997	15
	991	2		998	20
	992	2		999	25
	993	4		1000	50
	994	5		1001	100
	995	5			

Tiverton Bank, Tiverton

Wismer	975	$ 1	Wismer	982	$ 5
	976	1		983	5
	977	2		984	10
	978	2		985	10
	979	3		986	10
	980	3		987	20
	981	5		988	20

Pocasset Bank, Tiverton
$ 2, # 965 - but this note is 1859 from Fall River. This business needs clarification

Pocasset Bank, Tiverton

Wismer	964	$ 1	Wismer	970	$ 20
	965	2		971	50
	966	2		972	100
	967	2		973	500
	968	5		974	1000
	969	10			

Wakefield Bank, Wakefield

Wismer	1010	$ 1	Wismer	1019	$ 5
	1011	1		1020	5
	1012	1		1021	10
	1013	2		1022	10
	1014	2		1023	20
	1015	2		1024	50
	1016	3		1025	100
	1017	3		1026	100
	1018	3			

People's Exchange Bank, Wakefield

Wismer	1002	$ 1			
	1003	2			
	1004	3			
	1005	5			
	1006	10			
	1007	20			
	1008	50			
	1009	100			

Centreville Bank, Warwick

Wismer	1072	$ 1	Wismer	1078	$ 20
	1073	2		1079	50
	1074	2		1080	50
	1075	3		1081	100
	1076	5		1082	100
	1077	10			

Warren Bank, Warren

Wismer	1050	$ 1	Wismer	1061	$ 5
	1051	1		1062	5
	1052	1		1063	10
	1053	1		1064	10
	1054	2		1065	10
	1055	2		1066	20
	1056	2		1067	20
	1057	3		1068	50
	1058	3		1069	50
	1059	3		1070	100
	1060	5		1071	100

Bowamsett Bank, Warren

Wismer	1043	$ 1
	1044	2
	1045	3
	1046	5
	1047	10
	1048	50
	1049	100

Hope Bank, Warren

Wismer	1027	$ 1	Wismer	1035	$ 5
	1028	1		1036	10
	1029	2		1037	10
	1030	2		1038	50
	1031	3		1039	50
	1032	3		1040	100
	1033	5		1041	100
	1034	5		1042	100

Warwick Bank, Warwick

Wismer	1083	$ 1	Wismer	1090	$ 3
	1084	1		1091	3
	1085	1		1092	5
	1086	1		1093	5
	1087	2		1094	10
	1088	2		1095	10
	1089	3		1096	20

Washington Bank, Westerly

Non-Wismer

$ 5 Perkins Papent Stereotype Steel plate, maybe, anchor 1

10 Same as above

Warwick Bank, Warwick
Un-cut sheet of four, each with red overprint
2 - $ 5, W 1092
1 - 10, W 1095
1 - 20, non-Wismer; C, Founding Fathers; L, Justice, XX above; R, Franklin, 20 above

Warwick Bank, Warwick
Non Wismer
$ 5 like # 1092, 2 infants 1 O
5 C crude figure holding 5, ship; r & l C 5 in oval; R edge vert V Rhode Island V; L vert five 5 five; 1829 O
20 C founding fathers; L seated justice, XX above; R Franklin, 20 above; red Twenty overprint O
50 C woman/cows; L woman/horse, 50 above; R smith, 50 above; red fifty overprint

Warwick Bank, Warwick
Not in Wismer
$ 3 C. large ornamental 3; R. girl/basket, 3 over three above, three below; L. farm scene, 3 below; red overprint three

Warwick Bank, Warwick
Non Wismer
$ 2 engine & trains, C; R, ironworker with hammer & spike, 2 above; L Wm. Penn (?), TWO above; red TWO overprint O
2 L shepards, 2 below; C ornamental 2; R lady with flowers, Two above and below; red Two overprint O
3 L equestrian/farm scenes, city in back, 3 below; Cr ornamental 3; R girl/basket of flowers; R 3 over three top, 3 below O

Niantic Bank, Westerly

Wismer		$
1111	1	O
1112	2	O
1113	3	O
1114	5	O
1115	10	O
1116	50	O

Hopkinton Bank, Westerly

Wismer		$
1097	1	O
1098	1	O
1099	1	O
1100	2	O
1101	2	O
1102	3	O
1103	3	O
1104	5	O
1105	5	O
1106	10	O
1107	10	O
1108	20	O
1109	50	O
1110	100	O

Farmers Bank, Wickford
Non-Wismer
$ 2 similar to 1142 but 2 2 in red

Farmers Bank, Wickford

Wismer				Wismer			
1139	$	1	°	1145	$	5	°
1140		1		1146		5	°
1141		2	°	1147		10	°
1142		2		1148		20	°
1143		3	°	1149		20	°
1144		3					

Washington Bank, Westerly

Wismer			
1130	$	1	°
1131		2	°
1132		3	°
1133		3	°
1134		5	°
1135		10	°
1136		20	°
1137		50	°
1138		100	°

Phenix Bank, Westerly

Wismer				Wismer			
1117	$	1	°	1124	$	5	°
1118		1	°	1125		5	°
1119		2		1126		10	°
1120		2	°	1127		10	°
1121		2	°	1128		20	°
1122		3	°	1129		50	°
1123		5	°				

North Kingston Bank, Wickford

Wismer				Wismer			
1159	$	1	°	1165	$	5	°
1160		1	°	1166		10	°
1161		2	°	1167		10	°
1162		2	°	1168		50	°
1163		3	°	1169		100	°
1164		3	°				

Narragansett Bank, Wickford

Wismer				Wismer			
1150	$	1	°	1155	$	10	°
1151		2	°	1156		10	°
1152		3	°	1157		20	°
1153		5	°	1158		50	°
1154		5	°				

Fantasy Fiecies
$ 1 The Merchants Bank

Woonsocket Falls Bank, Woon.
Not in Wismer
$ 5 C. seated female with produce, factory, etc.; R. standing farmgirl, five above; L. train, 5 above & below.

onsocket Falls Bank, Woonsocket

Wismer		Wismer	
1201	$ 1	1209	$ 10
1202	1	1210	20
1203	?	1211	20
1204	2	1212	50
1205	3	1213	50
1206	5	1214	100
1207	5	1215	100
1208	10		

ilroad Bank, Woonsocket

Wismer		Wismer	
1187	$ 1	1194	$ 10
1188	1	1195	10
1189	2	1196	20
1190	3	1197	50
1191	3	1198	50
1192	5	1199	100
1193	10	1200	500

roducers Bank, Woonsocket

Wismer		Wismer	
1178	$ 1	1183	$ 20
1179	2	1184	50
1180	3	1185	100
1181	5	1186	500
1182	10		

itizens Bank, Woonsocket

Wismer	
1170	$ 1
1171	2
1172	3
1173	5
1174	10
1175	20
1176	50
1177	100

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August 9, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed is an inventory of the Colonial Currency at the Rhode Island Historical Society. This does not include duplicates. I think some of this material falls in the reprint category. It certainly is not very impressive as a collection for a historical society.

We have three copper plates. Two of them are for the front and reverse of 1738 emission, and the third plate is the emission of July 5, 1715, re-engraved for 1737.

Also enclosed are Xerox copies of the file cards for our obsolete currency. The little o's written in after each item indicate that we do not have these pieces.

Since I made the cards up, I have discovered the appalling amount of altering and counterfeiting that went on. As a result, I believe I really have to go over these cards and the corresponding notes very carefully, and perhaps have to reclassify a number of the pieces, especially those marked non-Wismer.

Our collection of national bank notes is even worse. At this time we only have one piece, and that is a small size five dollar bill. We do hope to pick up from a contributor a first charter period one dollar bill on one of the smaller banks which will certainly be a welcome addition.

I certainly hope to get momentum going so that this collection can be brought up to the proper standards.

Very sincerely,

Tracy G. Thurber, Treasurer

TGT:ga

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 13, 1974

Mr. Tracy G. Thurber, Treasurer
Tilden-Thurber
Westminster Mall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Thurber:

Thank you very much for sending me the material on August 9, 1974. As far as your Colonial items are concerned, I believe they are described in my book and no further data may be necessary. I do suggest that you send me a xerox or IBM copy of the 1715 redated 1731 2 Shilling 6 Pence, both sides. As to the list of bank notes, I believe I can save you a great deal of work if you send me a photocopy of those which you indicate are not in Wismer. Those will be generally alterations of the bank name, alterations of the place of issue, completely spurious. Naturally, there will be some which are unlisted and which are completely normal.

I realize you have done a great deal of work on the collection and hope that we can be of further help to you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

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August 20, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Numismatic Education Society
5450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed is a zerox of the obverse of the note that you requested. Unfortunately, it is pasted on to another piece of paper and I dare not try to remove it in order to get the back impression for you.

I have pulled all our notes that are not represented in Wismer with the exception of those of the New England Commercial and Farmers' Exchange Banks. I hope to have these photo copied for you shortly and I certainly appreciate your offer to help me untangle all this.

Very sincerely,

Tracy G. Thurber
Treasurer

TGT:mc

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 26, 1974

Mr. Tracy Thurber
Tilden-Thurber
Westminster Mall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Thurber:

I very much appreciate your photocopy of the 2s6d 1715 redated 1731 Rhode Island note. I would like to use a picture of it in the revision of my book as I showed only a counterfeit in the first edition. Your photocopy is quite dark as you know.

I will want to show both sides. There is a vertical tear in the center of your note and that is why it is reinforced with a patch on the back.

My suggestions are as follows:

1. Send the note to me and I will remove the back and invisibly repair the note. I will paste the back on it or not, whichever you choose. I will make a fine picture of both sides. I will return the note and its back by registered mail.

2. You soak the note in tap water for several hours (even over night) as that won't hurt it. The back will then come off. Repair the note with regular Elmer's glue only on the torn edge of the separate parts. Apply the glue with a pin or paper clip. Take the note to someone who has an IBM copier. Set the machine for "Light Copy" instead of normal and take a photocopy of front and back. You will be amazed what fine images you obtain. As an alternate it can be photographed but then has to be enlarged to the proper size. A xerox copier will not be as good for the purpose as the IBM.

I think R. I. Historical would like to have their note in the revision as it may be the only genuine specimen known of that issue.

Please let me know your wishes.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

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August 29, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, 5, Missouri

Attention: Mr. Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have your two letters of August 13th and August 26th and will deal with them in order. Enclosed are two negatives of photostats of two of the pieces that we can not find in Wismer. These represent probably the worst and the best specimens in this selection.

If this is good enough, return the negatives to me and I will have positives made of these two as well as of the others. If this is not good enough I can have a true photo copy made of the pieces.

Of course, if these negatives are good enough I can send the balance to you - or I can send the currency.

I think you had better tell me when the deadline would be on the revision of your book, so that I will know how much time I have to get a proper reproduction of the 1715 redated 1731 note to you. If there is not a great deal of urgency, it might be two to three weeks before I can do the work that you suggest. If you want it sooner than that I can get to it next week.

As you can see, I have a photostat service available to me and this is the one at Brown University. Do you believe a photostat positive would be satisfactory on the 1715 note?

We have one or two collectors who would like to trade some obsolete banknotes that we need for some of the duplicates of our Colonial pieces. I feel like a babe in the woods on these as I dont have any concept of the value of some of the less common issues. Using our list would you care to give me some sort of value as I would know then how to proceed. No duplicate of the 1715 redated 1731 piece!

Very sincerely,

Tracy C. Thurber

Tracy C. Thurber
Treasurer

P.S. We're all quite excited about that piece had no idea it was so rare.

TGT:mc

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 4, 1974

Mr. Tracy G. Thurber
Tilden-Thurber
Westminster Mall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Thurber:

Thank you for your nice letter of August 29, 1974. I return herewith the two negative photostats. The Warwick Bank $50 proof may not have been issued. The book from which Mr. Wismer copied his list stops at the $20 note from that bank. The bank failed in the summer of 1857 and thus, the $50 item may not have reached circulation.

The Rhode Island Central Bank is too poor to make any fuss over as there are much better specimens in other collections.

There is sufficient time for you to have a picture of the 1715 redated 1731 note prepared. It can be a fine photostate rather than a photograph, but as I mentioned previously, you can get a superb picture from an IBM copy machine for the cost of about five cents per side.

As far as an exchange of duplicates between the Society and collections, I think those who wish to make the exchange should make a list of the items they feel are fair and submit that list to a third party. We can be that third party if you wish. The Society should get the benefit of the doubt. The condition of the pieces is also important.

I hope I have answered all your questions.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah
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September 11, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Attention: Mr. Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Newman:

I certainly appreciate your consideration and help in all these details for the Rhode Island Historical Society. It means a great deal to have such assistance.

Enclosed are more negatives of the non Wismer pieces. If you need positives made, please let me know.

The Society was quite pleased to find they had such a treasure in the 1715 redated 1731 note. They have turned it over to their own man who specialises in the handling of paper. As soon as the copies are available, I will get them on their way to you.

Your offer to mediate in our trades is most acceptable as I am not too sure of my ground on values. I cant agree with you more that the Society should get the benefit of the doubt in these trades.

I have approached two other Historical Societies, those of Cranston and Bristol, and we may have some more information for you. Frankly, I dont know what they have at this time.

Very sincerely,

Tracy G. Thurber
Treasurer

TGT:mc

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 18, 1974

Mr. Tracy G. Thurber
Tilden-Thurber
Westminster Mall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Thurber:

Thank you for your nice letter of September 11, 1974. With respect to the negatives which you sent me, I would like to have a positive copy of the Bank of Rhode Island $2 Note dated 1831.

With respect to the pieces not listed in Wismer, some of these banks went out of business before the published lists were made and he apparently had no examples in his collection. A few of the pieces that are unlisted were issued after the lists he copied, such as the Rhode Island Union Bank, and others are alterations of notes of other banks. I have written on the back of some an indication that they are altered.

If the other historical societies which you have written have something exciting, I would be most interested in hearing about it. The negatives are enclosed herewith.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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September 27, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In your letter of September 4th, the first paragraph, you mention a book from which Mr. Wismer copied his list. Do you know if that book is available and how I could get hold of it?

The 1715 redated 1731 note is now being prepared and as soon as we have photographs of both sides, we will get them off to you. I have ordered a positive of the R.I. $2.00 note, as mentioned in your letter of September 18th, and I will get that to you as soon as it is ready.

As you know, I am working on the other Historical Societies and if anything does come up that would interest you I would most certainly let you know. By way of telling you how some of these little outfits work, I have a note from the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society that they have very little currency but "what we have is on permanent loan in a collection belonging to the town of Bristol. We are the custodians of it but can not remove any part of it." It is this sort of thing that I have to deal with. As soon as I get a chance to see this, I will let you know what it is.

I have not heard from the Cranston Historical Society, but I will keep you posted.

In the case of the Newport Historical Society, they have a great man and wife team working on it named, Ralph Jaffe. I am going to take the liberty of sending a copy of your letter of September 18th to them and just have them write you directly, if they have anything that might interest you.

Very sincerely,

Tracy G. Thurber
Treasurer

TGT:mc

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Dear Mr Newman –

Attached is the position asked for in your letter of 9/18.

Sincerely

#2
Bk of R.I.
1831

Tracy G. Thurber
Hilden-Thurber Corp.
Providence, R. I. 02903

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November 19, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed are the photographs I had promised you of the front and back of the rare note. If you should need the negatives, I am sure I can get them for you.

Some time back you volunteered to be an arbiter between the Society and a private collector. The gentleman showed up yesterday and the transaction is actually not a greatly important one. The enclosed zerox is of five pieces that he is willing to trade. The pieces he wants from us are actually reprints from one of our plates. The first is for Two shillings, sixpence of the July 5th, 1715 reengraved 1737 emission with only the obverse printed. The other item is an uncut sheet of six of the 1738 emission, printed on a kind of bluish grey paper and both sides are complete.

I have no idea of the value of these reprints and I am not too sure of myself on some of these obsolete banknotes, especially the small one cent item.

Very sincerely,

Tracy G. Thurber
Treasurer

TGT:mc

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 25, 1974

Mr. Tracy G. Thurber
Tilden Thurber
Westminster Mall
Providence, R. I. 02903

Dear Mr. Thurber:

Thank you for the photos of the 1731 redated issue. This is a most cooperative act on your part. I hope I can use it in the revision.

The offer of the 5 bank notes by a third party in exchange for 2 sheets of R.I. colonial reprints is not adequate in our opinion. The Providence Bank, the Union Bank, and the Manufacturers Bank are common counterfeits. The lç Davis & Son is a patent medicine coupon rather than a circulating note. The Farmers Bank failed and its notes are often available.

Interestingly enough I do not have a reprint of the 1738 sheet. Mine are a cut set of 6.

I hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

THREE
MANUFACTURERS BANK
Samuel Slater

THE FARMERS BANK
WILL PAY
Dollars
Cashier
President

THE UNION BANK
Will Pay
on demand
to
the Bearer
FIVE
DOLLARS

FIVE
Promise to pay
or bearer on demand
FIVE
Dollars
Providence
June 12, 1812
for the
Providence Bank
J. Bowen

Tilden-Thurber

a reflection of your good taste

Westminster Mall, Providence Rhode Island 02903 Tel. (401) 421-8400

December 12, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I need your advice on a sensitive subject and I would prefer to talk to you on the phone sometime.

There is no great hurry about this, but I wonder if sometime within the next three weeks I might be able to ring you at [redacted] when I know you would be there.

Being in the retail business, the middle of the day is usually pretty hectic, and perhaps fairly early in the morning or in the evening would be best.

Very sincerely,

Tracy G. Thurber
Treasurer

TGT:mc

THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AT JOHN BROWN HOUSE, BUILT 1786 52 POWER ST., PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02906

Telephone (401) 331-8575

Library at 121 HOPE STREET
Telephone (401) 331-0448

February 7, 1973

Dear Mr. Newton,

I've been tuning around for a month or so now over a question I hesitate (no longer) to ask. It is about time I came out with it.

This month I'm going to pull out the Society's duplicate Colonials and reprints in order to raise some needed money for the collection. Is Henry Christensen my man? If this nice arrival I work with were to ask me if I were certain, I don't think I could give a proper answer. In short, are we likely to fare better in money raising elsewhere and, if so, where? I don't like the uncertainty because I do like the men.

The man who wanted to trade four or five obsoletes and some script for some of this material hasn't been heard of since. Thank you.

You mentioned you might be interested in one of the reprints. I'll send it out to you if you like and you can pay the Society what you think is fair.

I have the photographs of the Colonial piece were satisfactory. They chose to mount it after their own fashion so you are looking at the universe through some fine mesh.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 11, 1975

Mr. Tracy G. Thurber
The Rhode Island Historical Society
52 Power St.
Providence, R. I. 02906

Dear Mr. Thurber:

You have never given me the total number of reprints on hand or the total number of duplicates by series and denominations. I think I would need this information before advising you.

If you put more than a few items on the market you will reduce competition for them as the market is thin.

Henry Christensen is an excellent dealer, but specializes mainly in foreign. Ask him whether he thinks a reprint sheet in his auction would be discovered by American collectors. We will be very straightforward with you.

I think you could put one sheet in the New York auction and see what happens.

I appreciate your willingness to sell me a sheet, but conflict of interest would bother me. I would much prefer to have a third party set the price or the exchange, whichever appealed to you. In any event, let me hear from you with respect to the above facts requested.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 28, 1975

Mr. Tracy G. Thurber
Tilden-Thurber
Westminster Mall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Thurber:

I am particularly anxious to obtain a xerox or photocopy of the $1 Washington Bank first emission. I want to illustrate it in my book. Are you making any progress on it?

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah